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1. The "Union of Politically Unorganized Fighters of the National Resistance of 1941-44" was founded in 1947, and its Charter was approved by the Court of First Instance in Athens on 22 November 1947.
2. General Evangelos Kalabalikis, in March 1947, first revealed the establishment of the organization. Members are being selected from among the sound (i.e. "non-Communist") elements of former ELAS officers. In this selection process, General Kalabalikis is making use of the advice and judgment of former leaders of the resistance forces during the occupation of Greece. The following constitutes a breakdown of former ELAS officers who have joined the Kalabalikis organizations:

a. Generals (who bore the rank of General in the National Army)	6
b. Senior officers commanding ELAS divisions	4
c. Chiefs of Staff of divisional groups	5
d. Senior officers (colonels and majors)	60
e. Junior officers	100
f. Kapetaneoi	80
g. Political officials	100
3. Lack of financial resources has been the main reason why this organization has been limited to recruitment of members among the officers and leading personalities. It will begin to spread among the rank and file as soon as it has obtained the requisite members and material resources. So far, there is a Central Committee set up in Athens, with sections in Salonika, Volos, Larissa, Trikkala, Katerini, Krania, Chalkis, Langada, Serres, and Kavalla.
4. Up to the present time, the organization has been brought before public attention by speeches made by General Kalabalikis in Athens, Makronisos and Salonika, as well as speeches made by other officers in Salonika and in Macedonia. Articles have been published by the General in newspapers, pamphlets and books, in Greece and in the United States.
5. Following the General's public statement, in June 1947, that he did not agree with the KKE announcements made in Strasbourg, the 4 July 1947 issue of Rizospastis, in an attack on the General, stated that he did

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not really have the authority to publish any statements in the name of the politically unorganized fighters. According to source, while Rizosneftis was correct in this accusation, the newspaper controversy to which the editorial gave rise resulted in other officers following the General's example. Subsequently, in view of the confidence which the Greek Government exhibited toward General Kalabalikis, even more officers began to join; now, new members are reportedly being enrolled daily.

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Comment: In September 1947, General Kalabalikis (who is on the inactive list of the Greek Army) placed himself at the disposal of the Greek Government to fight the guerrillas.

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